

## **Bible Summary**

Gal. 5:16-25

Spirit Life

Galatians 1-4 theologically pushes the simple message of the Gospel. We were like Pinocchio the puppet held by strings of religious laws that captured and enslaved us. But through Jesus we have become real boys and girls of God's family so don't go back to being a puppet. In Galatians 5, Paul answers the question of what replaces the strings of the law. His answer is the Spirit.

Scriptures: Galatians 5:16-25; 1 Corinthians 2:9; Hebrews 13:4; Ezekiel 18:1-24; Genesis 18:22-33; 2 Thessalonians 2:7; Genesis 20:6; Ephesians 5:25; Romans 12:9; Ezekiel 36:25-27, 37:1-7

## **Bible Questions & Application**

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. How did Sunday's teaching challenge your thinking?
2. Would you say your neighbors clearly know you follow Christ by the way you live? If not, why not?
3. What does it mean to walk in the Spirit?
4. What do you think is the difference between religion and the Spirit-filled life?
5. Why is it so easy to forget or to undervalue the Spirit's working in our lives?
6. In Gal. 5:16-17, Paul writes that the sinful nature desires the opposite of what God desires. Reflecting on your current spiritual walk, are there any sinful desires you stopped fighting against along the way? Why?
7. Which fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5: 22-23) do you want to see more of in your life?
8. On Sunday, Matt gave an opportunity for those feeling like "dry bones" (Ezekiel 36) to receive prayer. If you missed the opportunity on Sunday, would you like to do that now?